



# Warriors Open Season Against Majors Friday

Billy Smith, Wakefield halfback, is only five feet, four inches tall.

But head coach Bill Edmondson expects 'lil Bill to be a 'big' man in Wakefield's drive for the Northern District Group 1-A title this year.

Only 125-pounds (soaking wet) the senior 'mighty mite' is expected to prove to Mt. Vernon Friday night that 'little things' (namely himself) do mean a lot' when it comes to playing with the 200-pound 'giants' of the Northern District.

Smith, who just moved into the lineup this week ahead of junior Bob Riordan (6-0; 180), is destined to the third player in Edmondson's tenure at the South Arlington institution to weigh in under the 130-pound limit.

**OTHER "MIDGETS"** were Billy Lady and John Holter. The latter went on to become a fine player at Western Maryland.

Just what makes Billy a stick-out?

"Tremendous competitor," says Edmondson.

"Just plain guts and moxie," declares grid assistant Vic Blue, who also tutored Billy on the Warriors' wrestling squad last year. "He's just plain tough," adds Blue.

Actually, Wakefield strategy calls for the minuscule griddier to become primarily a "spot man".

"We'll use him a lot on traps and straight ahead stuff," says Edmondson, but mainly we'll use him late in the game when the other team seems to be tiring."

**BILLY IS NOT** fast (only 12.4

in the 100) but is very quick. A 6.3 clocking in the 50-yard-dash is a better indication of his initial movement.

The sudden blossoming of Smith leads one to believe the Warriors backfield — heretofore tabbed the teams biggest question marks — can be rated in the 'sleeper' department.

Other backfield members who are looking good are Larry McDonald, 175, and left halfback Jeff Foster (165).

McDonald has been waging a red hot fight with 195-pound fullback Bob Goodman for the starting slot. A shade faster (6.3 to 6.4 over 50-yards), McDonald probably will get the nod, freeing co-captain Goodman to his left interior line-backing slot, where he's rated one of the best in the Northern District.

**QUARTERBACK** is still a toss-up between senior Karl Jacobs (150) and junior Dick Bawcombe (165). Bawcombe has a slight edge in the passing and running departments, with Jacobs the better ball handler. Jacobs, however, may get the nod on experience.

How does Edmondson rate his backfield?

"We're deeper than usual," muses Bill, adding, "our No. 2 halfbacks Everhart Marseglia, and Dick Roberts are about on par with the No. 1 pair. We're not fast — Marseglia is the fastest (11.3) — but we have greater depth than we had last year."

Wakefield — with a highly touted defense ("could be out best")

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